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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 16

1. SUMMARY. US ATTENDEES, HECKROTTE/FRYKLUND/NORDYKE/
FROSCHE/MCALLISTER/ TUNIK. SOVIET ATTENDEES, BEZUMOV/
MYASNIKOV/PATRAKEYEV/KOVALEV. DISCUSSION COVERED PROTOCOL I
ARTICLE VI. BEZUMOV PROPOSED REVISED INTRODUCTORY WORDING
STATING FUNCTION OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IS TO VERIFY YIELD
AND PEACEFUL PURPOSE. HE ALSO LISTED FIVE POINTS HE SAID
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS: (A) THE FUNCTIONS
OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD BE IN FRAMEWORK OF COOPERA-
TION. (B) VOLUME OF MEANS AND METHODS USED BY DESIGNATED
PERSONNEL SHOULD BE MINIMAL. (C) DESIGNATED PERSONNEL
MUST NOT REQUEST OR TRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT DESIGN
OF NUCLEAR DEVICE. (D) DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD, IN
CARRYING OUT FUNCTIONS, OBSERVE DOMESTIC LAW OF HOST
COUNTRY. ACTIVITIES OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT
INTERFERE WITH WORK OF PROJECT (E) DESIGNATED PERSONNEL
SHOULD AGREE WITH HOST SIDE ON PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE OF
PROGRAM OF WORK IN RELATION TO EACH PROJECT. SOVIETS
REQUESTED EXPLANATION OF TERM GEOLOGIC TRAVERSE AND WHY
VARIOUS MEANS OF OBTAINING GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION ARE
NEEDED; BEZUMOV WANTED TO KNOW WHAT OPTICAL EQUIPMENT IS

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NEEDED AND WHY. CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION OF THE ENTRANCE

HOLE (PARA (F) ARTICLE VI) WAS QUESTIONED AND DESCRIBED.
END SUMMARY.

2. BEZUMOV BEGAN MEETING BY QUESTIONING WORDING OF INTRODUCTORY SECTION OF PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI AND IN PARTICULAR THE PHRASE "TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF INFORMATION". HE STATED IT WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAT MAIN OBJECTIVES OF OBSERVERS ARE TO INSURE EXPLOSION CORRESPONDS TO INDICATED PURPOSE AND THAT YIELD IS NOT ABOVE AN AGREED LIMIT. HE READ SUGGESTED WORDING APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: IN ORDER TO VERIFY THAT THE EVENT IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARED PEACEFUL PURPOSE AND THAT THE YIELD OF A SINGLE EXPLOSION DOES NOT EXCEED THE AGREED LIMIT, THE OTHER SIDE MAY SEND THE DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN CASE OF AN EVENT WITH PLANNED YIELD EXCEEDING 150 KILOTONS. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER SIDE (DESIGNATED PRSONNEL) MAY ALSO BE PRESENT IN CASE OF EVENTS WITH YIELDS CLOSE TO THE AGREED THRESHOLD (ABOVE 100 KILOTONS) IF THE HOST SIDE CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY FOR CORRECT DETERMINATION OF YIELD. THE HOST SIDE SHALL PERMIT THE DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

3. HECKROTTE POINTED OUT THAT PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP WAS NOT TO DISCUSS YIELD LIMITS. AS TO ROLE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, THEY WERE TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF INFORMATION EXCHANGED. BEZUMOV REITERATED THAT IN THEIR VIEW THE PURPOSE OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE STATED IN THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION, NOT THE ACTIVITIES THEMSELVES. HECKROTTE SAID THAT US SIDE WOULD STUDY SOVIET LANGUAGE TO SEE IF VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES COULD BE MET.

4. BEZUMOV THEN READ SUGGESTED WORDS TO BE ADDED TO ARTICLE VI APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: (-) FUNCTION OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL TAKES PLACE IN FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION; (2) VOLUME OF MEANS AND METHODS USED BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO FULFILL FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE MINIMAL ONES AND NOT CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR CARRYING OUT PROJECT; (3) DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHALL NOT REQUEST INFORMATION CONCERNING DESIGN OF NUCLEAR DEVICE, TECHNICAL FEATURES (DETAILS) OF PROJECT. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHALL NOT TRY
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TO GET SUCH INFORMATION WITH THE HELP OF TECHNICAL OR VISUAL MEANS OR REQUEST ACCESS TO ANY DOCUMENTS, MATERIAL OR INSTRUMENT COMPLEXES WHICH CAN GIVE SUCH INFORMATION; (4) IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS, DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD OBSERVE LAWS OF HOST PARTY AND THEIR ACTIVITIES SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH WORK CONNECTED WITH PROJECT; (5) DESIGNATED PERSONNEL SHOULD DISCUSS AND AGREE WITH HOST PARTY THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND SCHEDULE

OF WORK OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN RELATION TO EACH PROJECT.

5. US SIDE POINTED OUT THAT PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VII PARA 4 DEALT WITH SUBJECT OF SOVIET POINT (3). US SIDE SAID WE WILL STUDY SOVIET PROPOSALS.

6. BEZUMOV THEN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PARAS (B) (1), (D) AND (F) OF PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI. FRYKLUND DISCUSSED BASIS FOR PARAS (B) (1) AND (D) AND NOTED THAT THESE WERE DEALT WITH IN ROUND III IN WORKING GROUP I.

7. BEZUMOV AND MYASNIKOV EXPRESSED VIEW GEOLOGIC TRAVERSE NOT VERY USEFUL IN MANY SITUATION, THE URTA BULAK SITE, FOR EXAMPLE. FRYKLUND NOTED TWO EXAMPLES WHERE GEOLOGIC TRAVERSES WOULD BE USEFUL. MYASNIKOV SAID THAT IN ANY CASE A VERIFYING HOLE (SMALL DIAMETER HOLE VERY CLOSE TO SITE OF EMPLACEMENT HOLE) IS ALWAYS DRILLED FOR EVERY NUCLEAR EXPLOSION AND CORES FROM SUCH HOLE WOULD BE MOST USEFUL INFORMATION AND OBTAIN NEED OF GEOLOGIC TRAVERSE. FRYKLUND SAID THAT NO SOURCE OF GEOLOGIC INFORMATION SHOULD BE IGNORED.

8. WITH RESPECT TO PARA (D) BEZUMOV SAID THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO WORKING GROUP I. US SIDE AGREED.

9. WITH RESPECT TO PARA (F), BEZUMOV SAID THEIR CONCERN WAS THAT LANGUAGE SUGGESTED A 24-HOUR GUARD AT SITE. UPON QUESTIONING, HIS ONLY SPECIFIC CONCERN WAS THAT PROVISION WOULD REQUIRE FOUR SHIFTS OF OBSERVERS FOR SUCH A FUNCTION. IN ADDITION, BEZUMOV ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE PURPOSE OF SUCH OBSERVATION WOULD BE. US SIDE SAID THAT 24-HOUR OBSERVATION COULD BE CASE, OR THE SECRET

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OBSERVATION COULD BE FROM TIME TO TIME, AT THE DISCRETION OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. US SIDE SAID THE PURPOSE OF SUCH OBSERVATION IS TO ASSURE THAT PROJECT CARRIED OUT AS DESCRIBED IN INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

10. BEZUMOV AND MYASNIKOV SUGGESTED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES TO CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION OF HOLE: PUTTING CONCRETE PLUG IN EMPLACEMENT HOLE; USING SEAL DESCRIBED AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL TO SECURE ENTRANCE OF EMPLACEMENT HOLE. BEZUMOV SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE LANGUAGE WHICH SAYS DESIGNATED PERSONNEL HAVE THE RIGHT TO COME TO ENTRANCE HOLE AT ANY TIME. IMPRESSION IS THAT BEZUMOV MIGHT ACCEPT MODIFICATION OF PARA (F) TO READ "OBSERVATION AT ANY TIME OF THE ENTRANCE OF EACH EMPLACEMENT HOLE . . .".

11. BEZUMOV THEN ASKED WHAT KIND OF OPTICAL EQUIPMENT IS INTENDED BY PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI. HE WAS GIVEN AS EXAMPLES: BINOCULARS, ALIDADE, MICROSCOPE. BEZUMOV THEN ASKED FOR THE FUNCTION OF THE OPTICAL EQUIPMENT. HE WAS TOLD THIS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SURVEYS, ALIGNMENT OF INSTRUMENTS, AND GEOLOGIC ANALYSIS (MICROSCOPES).

12. BEZUMOV SAID HE NEEDED TO KNOW BECAUSE WE MIGHT AGREE TO USE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY HOST SIDE, AND IT IS NOW CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT.

13. MYASNIKOV LEFT TOWARD THE END OF MEETING TO START TRIP TO VIENNA. PATRAKEYEV TOOK NO PART IN DISCUSSION, AND LEFT EARLY.
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